

II. Amendments to the Claims

Listing of Claims with Status Identified

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application:

Claim 1, 3, 4 and 5 (currently amended)

Claim 2 (original)

Claims 6 - 8 (new)

1. (currently amended) A road paving vehicle tire track remover, comprising:

a blade frame having a bend;

at least one blade assembly having a semi-flexible blade with a lower edge and an upper edge, a front side and a rear side, a vertical axis and a horizontal axis, said upper edge attached to said blade frame so as to generally conform to said bend in said blade frame such that said front side of said semi-flexible blade is generally concave about said vertical axis ~~create a concave front side of said blade;~~

attachment means for removably attaching said blade assembly to a road paving vehicle on a surface proximate the rear wheels of the road paving vehicle, such that said blade assembly is disposed downwardly and said lower edge of said semi-flexible blade can be brought into contact with the road surface when in operation;

height adjustment means which permits vertical movement of ~~for adjusting the height of~~ said blade assembly during use; and

pressure adjustment means for adjusting the downward pressure exerted by said blade assembly on the road surface;

wherein when in use said semi-flexible blade, height adjustment means, and pressure adjustment means cooperate to press said semi-flexible blades into soft and movable paving

material, thereby collecting and channeling loose road paving material toward said vertical axis of said semi-flexible blade, and smoothing the road surface as said semi-flexible blade passes over it.

2. (original) The tire track remover of claim 1, wherein said height adjustment means is a parallel scissors assembly which provides for vertical play or movement of the blade assembly to conform to road irregularities.

3. (currently amended) The tire track remover of claim 1, wherein said pressure adjustment means comprises a box ~~attached to said frame of~~ attached to said blade assembly, said box having an open top for receiving weights.

4. (currently amended) The tire track remover of claim 1, wherein said blade assembly further includes pivoting means for allowing side-to-side rocking movements of said semi-flexible blade.

5. (currently amended) The tire track remover of claim 1 [[4]], wherein said pivoting means comprises a strut member attached to said height adjustment means, a post having an arcuate throughhole through which a fastener is inserted for connection to a lower end of said strut, and wherein said post is connected to said blade [[assembly]] frame, such that said blade assembly pivots about said fastener.

6. (new) The tire track remover of claim 1, wherein said rear side of said semi-flexible blade is urged into an arc and is therefore concave relative to its horizontal axis, the degree of

concavity depending upon the pressure exerted upon said lower edge of said semi-flexible blade.

7. (new) The tire track remover of claim 1, wherein said semi-flexible blade is generally symmetrical about said vertical axis such that road paving material is urged toward said vertical axis in a generally balanced manner as the road paving vehicle moves forward.

8. (new) The tire track remover of claim 1, wherein said bend in said blade frame is adjustable and wherein said tire track remover further includes a longitudinal strut affixed to said blade frame to provide structural support and to define the degree of said bend.